

COMPUTER USE AND INTERNET ACCESS

I DISCLAIMER

A The Clarkson Public Library makes no warranties, express or implied, with respect to the computers or the wireless network in the Library, as to function, availability of, or as to any protection from viruses, ad-ware, spy-ware, Trojan horses, hacking or accessibility of information. No guarantees of any kind are made as to the security or privacy of any patron's use of the Library's computers or information or work product.

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C PARENTS ARE ADVISED THAT THERE ARE NO PARENTAL LOCKS, CONTROLS OR FILTERS ON THE LIBRARY COMPUTERS. IT IS UP TO THE CHILDREN'S PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS TO MONITOR THE USE OF THE COMPUTERS AND INTERNET ACCESS BY THEIR MINOR CHILDREN.

D The Clarkson Public Library specifically disclaims any and all warranties with respect to the accuracy of any information or content on the computers or Internet and will have no liability for direct, indirect or consequential damages related to the use of the equipment or information accessed through the Internet.

E Patrons agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Clarkson Public Library, its employees and agents from any claim, demand, liability, cause of action, suit, judgment or expense, including attorney's fees, arising out of the use of the Library's equipment, computers, wireless network, phone lines or internet equipment.

II. GENERAL

A Computer use and Internet access is free. A user's access and use of the computers and the Internet access provided by the Clarkson Public Library is a privilege and not a right and may be limited and/or revoked pursuant to these policies rules and procedures.

B Computer resources and Internet access are provided equally to all library users, subject to the Clarkson Public Library policies, rules and procedures.

C Library Staff will help and assist patrons in the use of the computer and Internet but cannot provide in-depth training on its use.

D The use of Library computers and/or the Internet imply understanding and acceptance of, and adherence to, the Clarkson Public Library policies, rules and procedures.

E Failure to comply with the Clarkson Public Library policy rules and procedures will result in the forfeiture of the user's ability to access these computers, loss of Library privileges and possible prosecution.

F Patrons who have had Library privileges forfeited or suspended may appeal the forfeiture or suspension to the Clarkson Public Library Board at a regularly scheduled public meeting. The appeal must be in writing and submitted to the board at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

G There is a 10-cent per page charge for each copy or black and white page printed. Color copies or print outs are 50 cents per page.

III BASIC REQUIREMENTS

A Patrons must have knowledge of basic computer use.

B Patrons must have a duly authorized library card or visitor's pass to utilize the Library materials and/or computers.

C Patrons will be required to provide Library staff with their legal names, addresses, and telephone numbers and must submit a legal form of identification with a photograph to obtain a Library card or pass.

D Patrons must be at least ten years of age to use the computers and Internet.

E Patrons must be at least eight years of age to be present in the library unattended.

F A parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of eight in the Library and is responsible for the conduct of said minor child.

G All Patrons wishing to use the computers or have access to the Internet will be required to sign a form stating that they have read and are familiar with the rules, policies and procedures of the Clarkson Public Library with respect to computer and Internet use.

Persons under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian come to the library to sign an **Internet Permission Form** in order to have a Library card issued or to be allowed to use the computers or have access to the Internet.

H Patrons and/or parents or guardians of minor children will be held responsible for any and all damages to Library property and/or equipment caused by said minor children.

I Misuse of Library property and/or equipment, or violations of Library rules, policies and procedures, may result in the loss of Library and/or computer privileges.

IV COMPUTER/INTERNET USE

A Computers are available on a first-come, first served basis. Library Staff reserves the right to allocate and limit the use of computers based on the availability of equipment and the demand for use.

B Computer use is limited to one hour per person per day, with 30 minutes sessions. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Library Staff with priority given to those persons using the computers for research or school use.

C CHAT ROOMS AND INSTANT MESSAGING ARE PROHIBITED.

D NO PROGRAMS, PICTURES OR ANY TYPE OF MEDIA ARE TO BE DOWNLOADED ONTO THE LIBRARY COMPUTERS WITHOUT THE EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION OF LIBRARY STAFF.

E No disks, flash drives, or other storage devices are to be plugged into the Library computers without the express permission of Library staff.

F Patrons may print pages from the Internet at the Library per page copy charges.

G Patrons who wish to access email must have their own accounts on a remote server.

H Patrons are prohibited from taking part in illegal activities on the computer including but not limited to hacking, visiting sexually explicit or pornographic sites, using threatening or objectionable language, images or behavior, fraudulent or other illegal conduct or activity.

I No food or drink is allowed on or near the computer equipment.

J Only one person may use a computer at a time.

K Patrons are prohibited from changing the settings on the computer.

L Patrons are required to sign in for computer use. (first and last names)

M Patrons are prohibited from using the computers for the purpose of solicitation.

N Library Staff are authorized to restrict use or access to computers based on objectionable activities and may report illegal activities to law enforcement officials.